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11. (C) On December 3 Poloff delivered reftel points to Cyprus MFA Head of Department for Asia and Oceania Marios Kountourides. Kountourides thanked the USG for sharing its views and said that the GOC holds the positions set forth in relevant EU documents concerning the DPRK. He is traveling to Brussels on December 4 for a meeting of the EU Working Group on East Asia and is confident that the issue of human rights in the DPRK will be on their agenda in light of the UN Third Committee's recent report on human rights abuses in the DPRK. Kountourides reiterated that Cyprus strongly supports the principles of human rights and international law, and it condemns human rights abuses wherever they may occur. URBANCIC